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SUBJECT: KING GOODWILL ZWELETHINI OF KWAZULU SELECTS SWAZI BRIDE

1. DURING VISIT OF KING GOODWILL ZWELETHINI OF KWAZULU TO SWAZILAND FOR WEEK-LONG CELEBRATIONS OF FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF SWAZILAND'S INDEPENDENCE, ZULU KING SELECTED AS BRIDE-TO-BE PRINCESS DLALISILE, SWAZI ROYAL PRINCESS, REPORTEDLY A FAVORITE OF KING SOBHUZA.

2. IF MARRIAGE MATERIALIZES, IT WILL HAVE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE AS INDICATION OF INCREASING TIES BETWEEN SWAZILAND AND KWAZULU. SWAZILAND HAS SHOWN INTEREST IN PAST IN INCREASING CONTACTS WITH KWAZULU AS WELL AS OTHER HOMELAND AREAS OF SOUTH AFRICA. IN THIS REGARD, ANOTHER ROYAL VISITOR TO SWAZI INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS WAS CROWN PRINCE CORNELIUS KAMABHOKO OF AMANDABELE (TRANSVAAL).

3. DIFFICULTIES EXIST, HOWEVER, BEFORE MARRIAGE IS FINALIZED. THERE REPORTEDLY WAS SOME OPPOSITION WHEN YOUNG KING GOODWILL (AGE 25), WHO WAS MARRIED IN A CHRISTIAN CEREMONY, TOOK A SECOND WIFE SOME TIME AGO. SIMILAR OPPOSITION MAY BE IN THE OFFING FOR

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THE MARRIAGE WITH PRINCESS DLALISILE, WHO WILL BE HIS THIRD WIFE,
PARTICULARLY AS SHE IS SWAZI AND NOT ZULU.
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